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SUBJECT: RESEARCH CRUISE R/V JAMES M. GILLISS

1. THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI'S RESEARCH VESSEL JAMES M. GILLISS HAS SCHEDULED A GEOLOGICAL-GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM FOR SELECTED PORTIONS OF ATLANTIC OCEAN. ENTITLED QUOTE EQUATORIAL MID ATLANTIC RIDGE STUDIES UNQUOTE, THE WORK IS LARGELY CONCENTRATED ON HIGH SEA/DEEP OCEAN AREAS. THE SCIENTISTS WILL EMPLOY BATHYMETRIC, SEISMIC (AIR GUN ONLY, NO EXPLOSIVES), AND MAGNETIC INTENSITY PROFILES TOGETHER WITH CORING AND ROCK DREDGE HAULS AT SELECTED SITES FEATURING KNOWN OR SUSPECTED FRACTURE ZONES OR ACTIVE FAULT AREAS. THE DATA WILL BE USED TO TEST VARIOUS UNCLASSIFIED

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PROPOSED MODELS OF GEOLOGICAL PROCESSES SUCH AS SEA FLOOR

SPREADING, FAULTING ETC. CRUISE ITINERARY: DATES ARE APPROXIMATE:

LEG I ABIDJAN-LUANDA 3 SEPT. TO 2 OCT.
LEG II LUANDA-ABIDJAN 5 OCT. TO 2 NOV.
LEG III ABIDJAN-FORTALEZA 5 NOV. TO 30 NOV.
LEG IV FORTALEZA-MIAMI 3 DEC. TO 17 DEC.

A FEW BERTHS WOULD BE OPEN TO INTERESTED SCIENTISTS AND DATA WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT LATER DATE.

2. JAMES M. GILLISS OPERATED BY UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, DIMENSIONS: LENGTH 208 FT., BEAM 37 FT., DRAFT 15 FT., DISPLACE 965 TONS. MASTER IS CAPT. ROBERT HAGAN, JR. WITH OFFICER/CREW COMPLEMENT OF 22 (ALL CIVILIAN) AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 17. VESSEL MONITORS 2182 KHZ CONTINUOUSLY, CALL SIGN WEWP.

3. ABIDJAN: VESSEL WILL BE OFF IVORY COAST ON OR ABOUT 3 SEPT. AREA 5 NORTH 4 WEST. WORK WILL BE MORE THAN 25 MILES OFFSHORE IN WATER DEPTHS 100 FATHOMS OR GREATER. NO ACTION, VESSEL AGENT (UNION MARITIME ET COMMERCIALE) WILL ARRANGE CALLS.

4. LONDON: INITIATE REQUEST FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WITHIN TERRITORIAL SEA ASCENSION ISLAND ON OR ABOUT 17-20 OCTOBER. VESSEL WILL RUN SERIES OF RADIAL SURVEY LINES OUT FROM ISLAND, ALSO SMALL PARTY DESIRES TO GO ASHORE TO COLLECT ROCK SAMPLES.

5. LISBON: INITIATE REQUEST FOR RESEARCH UNDERTAKEN ON CONTINENTAL SHELF ANGOLA. VESSEL PLANS TO TAKE SOME CORES AND DREDGE HAULS VARIOUS LOCATIONS AS CLOSE AS 5 MILES OFFSHORE ON OR ABOUT 31 SEPT. TO 2 OCT. BEFORE ARRIVING LUANDA. AGENTS HULL/BLYTH WILL ARRANGE PORT CALL.

6. BRASILIA: NO CLEARANCES REQUESTED. VESSEL AGENT (NOT KNOWN) WILL ARRANGE CALL. WORK IS OUTSIDE GOB CLAIMED SEAS. ROGERS
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